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THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

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MINISTERIAL PERSONALS

Professor H. H. Barber died at Jacksonville, Fla., on January 18, in his eighty-seventh year. He had held pastorates in Harvard and Somerville, Mass., was editor of the "Unitarian Review" from 1875 to 1884, and for the last thirty-nine years had been Professor and Professor Emeritus at the Meadville Theological School.

Rev. J. M. Seaton died at Salem, Va., on February 1, in his sixty-second year. He had served pastorates at Richmond, Va., Hubbardston, Mass., and Roanoke, Va.

Rev. Risto Lappala died at Virginia, Minn., on February 6, in his fortieth year. He was the founder and director of our work among the Finns, with headquarters at Virginia since 1910.

Rev. W. W. Peck has accepted a call to Youngstown, O., Rev. J. C. Allen has accepted a call to Geneseo, Ill., and Rev. A. Perala has taken charge of the Free Finnish Congregation in New York City.

Rev. R. Kvaran was installed in the Icelandic Church in Winnipeg, Man., on January 7, Rev. C. Summerbell at Keokuk, Iowa, on February 7, and Rev. J. F. Burkhart at Charleston, S. C., on February 21.

Rev. Mark Mohler has resigned at Lawrence, Kan., and Rev. S. L. Elberfeld at the North Church, New Bedford, Mass.

BUILDINGS

Plans are being made for a beautiful new parish house for the First Parish in Weston, Mass., and plans have been adopted for a convenient parish house to be attached to Christ Church, Dor-

chester, Mass. The Society in Braintree, Mass., has acquired by purchase an admirable house for a parsonage. The parsonage at Sanford, Me., has been finished and is occupied by the minister and his family. The walls of the new church in Washington are now up to the gallery floor. It is hoped that the south wing of the parish house will be ready for occupancy before summer. The cornerstone of the splendid new church in Toledo, Ohio, was laid with appropriate exercises on February 3d.

APPOINTMENTS

The Sunday preaching appointments of the President of the Association, Dr. Eliot, in February, were as follows: 4th, Second Church in Boston; 11th, North Church, Salem, Mass.; 18th, Union Theological Seminary, New York; 25th, Jacksonville, Fla. On the 21st he preached the installation sermon at Charleston, S. C.

The Secretary of the Association, Dr. Cornish, has been speaking frequently during the month in Boston on the cause of the Transylvanian churches and people.

The Secretary of the Department of Church Extension, Dr. Simons, has been meeting his appointments in the Southwest. His Sundays in February were given to Knoxville, Tenn., Houston, Tex., Tulsa, Okla., and Nashville, Tenn.

Field Secretary Brown has returned from his visits in Montana, Idaho and Colorado. On the way back he stopped to encourage our fellow-workers in Topeka and Lawrence, Kansas, and at Meadville, Pa. He is now giving himself to stimulating the work in some of the New England country parishes.

Field Secretary Hunt has recently made a series of visits to the churches in Ithaca, Jamestown and Dunkirk, N. Y., Erie and Lancaster, Pa.

Field Secretary Wetherell is constantly in the field on the Pacific Coast and is now much engaged in the preparations for the Mission Meetings which Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Westwood and Mr. Reccord will conduct at Los Angeles and Oakland, Calif., and in the arrangements for the Institutes of Religious Education to be conducted by Dr. Buck and others at Los Angeles, Berkeley and Seattle.

FINANCES

Only two months remain in the fiscal year of the national societies and as yet only a small proportion of the churches have

sent in their annual contributions for the work of the Association. Last year our churches together contributed some $50,000.00—not *to* the Association but to be spent *through* the Association in the support of the enterprises which no one church can do alone but which all working and giving together may accomplish. It may be noted that this sum is no larger than the amount paid as a salary to a single individual to promote purely commercial interests. At the May meeting the delegates of the churches discovering that the average gift amounted to no more than one cent a week, voted to raise that standard to at least five cents per week per member. Unitarians represent today numerically not more than one-tenth of one per cent of the population of the United States, yet in the roll of American Presidents they represent seventeen per cent. Of the names in the American Hall of Fame forty per cent are those of Unitarians and of the major poets of America practically one hundred per cent were Unitarians. There must be something in our message which the world needs yet how little we are doing to make it heard.

One church in sending out its circular for the raising of the church budget, after describing the local needs, goes on:

"So much for ourselves. We must keep our own house in order but our duty does not end there. Should you move to another city you would hope to find there a similar church ready to make you welcome, but such institutions are not the results of coincidences or good intentions. To create and maintain a church requires organized co-operation. Books of liberal thought must be printed, tracts prepared and made available for all who seek to know our message. Ministers must be sent to new fields and supported for indefinite periods. Pension funds must be raised and administered for their benefit when they shall have passed their period of usefulness. Churches must be helped by counsellors and loans advanced for church building and equipment. The cause of religious education for our children needs expert study and much costly material must be made available. Our own church has enjoyed all these benefits in attaining to its present state of self-support.

"Our forefathers saw these things a hundred years ago and wisely joined together in a democratic Association for the advancement of the cause. That Association still goes on, though wonderfully richer in experience, resources and all that goes to make it the strong right arm of the liberal faith. This organization of, by and for the churches and of which our church is a constituent

part, is the American Unitarian Association, the agency through which the will of the fellowship is expressed and its power applied."

Let all ministers, church committees and individual members of our parishes remember these needs and not neglect to give generously and systematically for the advancement of the national cause. The books of the Association must close on April 30.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERALS

The National Federation, which brings together in co-operative action the Unitarian, Universalist, Hicksite Quaker and Reformed Jewish fellowships, is to hold its annual meeting in Baltimore, Md., March 23-25. This will be the thirteenth meeting of the Federation. The local committee consists of Dr. O. A. Janney of the Society of Friends, Rev. H. F. Burns of the Unitarian Church, and Dr. William Rosenau of Utah Place Temple. An interesting program has been prepared. The need of more intimate co-operative work among Liberals was never more apparent than now and it is urgently hoped that a large and representative gathering will take place at Baltimore.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Arrangements are now practically completed for three Pacific Coast institutes of religious education to be held in Los Angeles April 19th to 25th, Berkeley April 26th to May 2nd, and Seattle May 6th to 12th. At the first of these, Dr. Hugh Hartshorne, now of the religious education department of the University of Southern California, will give a course on "Achieving Character"; and Rev. G. Bromley Oxnam of the Church of All Nations one on "Social Applications of Religion." At Berkeley Dr. Charles E. Rugh and Dr. George M. Stratton, both of the University of California, will each give a course of six lectures. Dr. Rugh's subject is "How to Teach Religion," Dr. Stratton's "Psychology and Religious Teaching." Dr. Earl M. Wilbur of Berkeley will give at Seattle a course on "Selected Topics from the Gospels"; Dr. Frederick M. Padelford will give one lecture on "The Bible as Literature," and Dr. Edward O. Sisson of Reed College, Portland, on "Evolution and Ethics."

Dr. Buck of the Department will be in charge of the institutes and will lecture at the first two on "Bible Drama and Church Pageantry," and at Seattle on "Teaching Religion in the Church School." A public meeting in the interest of religious education will be held on the Sunday evening included in the institute dates.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Religious Education Association will be held in Cleveland, April 11th to 14th. Headquarters will be at Hotel Cleveland. This session will devote the meetings in forenoon and afternoon to discussion of papers printed in advance in *Religious Education* with evening sessions of general public interest. The topic is "The New Day in Religious Education." In addition to a summary of the achievements of twenty years, leaders of this movement will state the needs of the hour, and indicate forward steps to be taken. The convention opens with an evening session on Wednesday, April 11th, and closes Saturday afternoon. Churches would do well to send their minister, director of religious education, or Sunday school Superintendent to this important meeting. Information and advance programs may be obtained by addressing Dr. Henry F. Cope, 1440 East Fifty-seventh Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Members of the Department have met the following engagements: Dr. Lawrance at Medfield, Pepperell, Concord and Woburn, Mass.; Essex Junction and Burlington, Vt.

Dr. Buck has preached at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Providence, R. I., the Neighborhood Teachers' Conference at Salem, Mass., including the churches of Salem, Beverly, Peabody, Marblehead and Danvers. Dr. Lawrance and Dr. Buck have given courses at the Tuckerman School which are now completed.

Mr. Fairley addressed a supper conference of the churches in Troy, Albany, and Schenectady, at Troy, at which more than forty representatives were present. Following this meeting, there was organized a Tri-City Church School Institute which is to hold monthly meetings. He gave an address before the Alliance in All Souls Church, Washington, D. C., held a conference with the church school officers and teachers, and attended a luncheon of the Daughters of All Souls, an organization of two classes of high school girls from the church school. He has also spoken before the Alliance at Passaic, has visited our churches in Barneveld, Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo. At Syracuse, he gave an address and conference following a supper. At Rochester, a church supper assembled more than a hundred adults and forty children. The latter were entertained by a story teller in one of the social rooms while the address was given to the adults. In Buffalo, a father and sons' dinner assembled more than one hundred representatives, to whom Mr. Fairley spoke. He also addressed the Alliance at All Souls Church in New York City.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss Lucy Lowell, *President* Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Secretary*

Miss Louise Brown, *Treasurer*

STORIES FOR CHILDREN

There has been added to the Religious Education section of the Circulating Library at 25 Beacon Street a new group of books for home use with children. They are stories which may be read to children, or by them, which should have some influence on their religious life, show standards of character and conduct, and in all ways tend to strengthen the motives and shape the ideals of children of various ages.

Imaginative literature has not been excluded, indeed it has been sought, for this purpose. The excellent narrative of the life of Saint Francis under the title "God's Troubadour" is profoundly religious in its presentation of that life of service to the sick poor. The wonder-stories which grew up about him only show how great such a God-filled soul seemed to those who knew of his life and work. There are some volumes, like the two by Margaret Eggleston and "Heroes of Everyday Life" by Miss Coe, which are suitable for boys and girls in the teens and present ideals and conditions of modern life. The volumes by Raymond M. Alden will be especially sought for; their literary excellence, charm, and revealing quality having become known through the most familiar story, which names one volume, "Why the Chimes Rang."

In this collection will be found "The Children's Bible" recently issued by Charles Scribner's Sons, illustrated with colored pictures, and a good group of books of Bible stories. These, if used in the home, will familiarize the Bible to boys and girls until such time as they are able to read the more difficult Bible language for themselves.

The use made of this small collection will guide the committee in deciding whether it should be enlarged. Suggestions of books will be welcomed, but none will be accepted simply as "good stories." They must have a definite character and atmosphere which will make them usable for nurturing the religious life of the young in Unitarian families.

For Children Four to Six Years Old.

Stories for Sunday Telling. Carolyn Sherwin Bailey.

Stories for the Little Ones. Grace Spears and Dorothy Tarrant. (Used in Unitarian schools in England.)

For Children Six to Nine Years Old.

The Children's Story Garden. Committee of Friends. (Sixty-five short stories. A list at the back of the book classifies them under the headings "Knowing God," "Walking Close to God," and "Loving Our Neighbors," with references to other stories on the same themes.)

The Golden Windows. Laura E. Richards. (Older children will enjoy these little stories also, and adults will like the "fables" for their skilful presentation of religious and ethical ideas.)

For Ages Seven to Eleven.

Book of Saints and Friendly Beasts. Abbie Farwell Brown. (Legends of the saints of the ancient Christian tradition, charmingly told.)

The Golden Goblet and Other Stories. Jay T. Stocking. (Nine stories presenting ideals of service.)

The Happy Prince and Other Stories. Oscar Wilde. (Stories of fine literary quality.)

Old Stories of the East. James Baldwin. (Old Testament stories retold.)

The Garden of Eden. George Hodges. (Early Old Testament stories retold.)

The Castle of Zion. George Hodges. (Later Old Testament stories retold.)

When the King Came. George Hodges. (New Testament stories retold.)

For Ages Eight to Fourteen.

God's Troubadour. Sophie Jewett. (The story of St. Francis of Assisi, beautifully told for children.)

Mr. Friend O'Man. Jay T. Stocking. (This fine story about "the church with the friendly heart" was dramatized and presented at the eightieth anniversary of the Unitarian church school in Rochester, N. Y.)

The Boy who Found the King and Other Stories. Raymond M. Alden. (Contains several stories presenting ideals, one of especial value in cultivating international friendship.)

An Old, Old Story Book. Eva March Tappan. (Old Testament stories in Bible language. Large type, illustrated.)

For Ages Ten to Fourteen.

Stories of Brotherhood. Harold B. Hunting. (Brief sketches of modern social workers.)

The Children's Book of Moral Lessons. F. J. Gould. (Although named "lessons" these are groups of stories to inculcate moral ideas, in four volumes.)

First Series, Self Control and Truthfulness.

Second Series, Kindness, Work, and Duty.

Third Series, The Family, People of Other Lands.

Fourth Series, Justice, The Common Weal.

For Ages Thirteen to Sixteen.

Fireside Stories for Girls in their Teens. Margaret W. Eggleston.

Around the Camp Fire with the Older Boys. Margaret W. Eggleston.

Heroes of Every Day Life. Fanny E. Coe. (For girls and boys.)

For All Ages.

The Children's Bible. Translated by Charles F. Kent and others. (Bible language somewhat modernized. Large type, colored illustrations.)

Stories from the Hebrew. Josephine W. Heermans. (Old Testament stories retold, from Moses to Esther. Poems from standard authors about these stories included.)

Sunday Stories. Howard N. Brown. (Talks on religion and life by Dr. Brown to his Sunday-School. Long a favorite book.)

Why the Chimes Rang and Other Stories. Raymond M. Alden. (Great ideals of life and service presented in stories with imaginative and literary power. Liked by children of all ages. The first story is, next to the Bible one, the best loved Christmas story.)

Four Footed Friends: Stories of Animals and Children. Mrs. Huntington Smith. (Presents the law of kindness applied to animals.)

EXECUTIVE BOARD IN WORCESTER

This year's out-of-Boston meeting of the Executive Board was held Friday, February 9, by invitation of the Worcester branch of the Alliance, in the wonderful new parish house of the First Unitarian Church of Worcester, Mass. The Worcester League of Unitarian Women gave up its mid-winter session to unite with the Executive Board in this meeting.

Twenty-four Board members and committee chairmen were present from Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, and representatives from Berlin, Bolton, Brookfield, Fitchburg, Gardner, Grafton, Hopedale, Hudson, Leicester, Leominister, Marlboro, Mendon, Northboro, Petersham, Templeton, West Upton, Uxbridge, Westboro, and Worcester, Mass., and Keene, N. H.

Miss Louise Brown was welcomed to her first meeting as Treasurer of The Alliance. A vote of appreciation and gratitude was passed to Mrs. A. D. Monroe, Treasurer's clerk at Alliance Headquarters, for the faithful discharge of added responsibilities and duties during the illness of Mrs. Noyes and in the weeks following her death. The accounts have been audited and found correct. The power given Miss Mary C. Sawyer to be Assistant Treasurer was annulled, with great appreciation of her service.

Miss Effie E. Whitman, of Boston, has become a life member. The name of Mrs. Mary B. Davis has been placed *in memoriam* by the New York League; that of Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes by the Alliance of Jamaica Plain, Mass.; and the names of Miss Sarah F. Richardson of Boston, Miss Sarah King of Roxbury, and Mrs. Jane Spring Brigham of Brookline, by the Alliance of the Second Church, Boston.

The Library Committee reported the gift of two copies of "Wise Men from the East and from the West," one from the Alliance of the Church of the Disciples, Boston, and one from Mrs. Alice K. Gerrish of Middleboro, Mass.; also a gift of "Père Hyacinthe Loyson" from the two sons of Mrs. Noyes, to whom a vote

of thanks was offered. This book, which tells how one man found his way from Catholicism to the Liberal Faith, was cherished by Mrs. Noyes because it was given to her by Mme. Paul Hyacinthe Loyson.

The chairman of College Centers Committee, after reading from a letter from Rev. E. Rosalind Lee, made a special plea for gifts of money, large or small, for the Cambridge Church Fund, to help build and equip in Cambridge, England, a Unitarian church which shall worthily represent the denomination in so important a university center. This cause was heartily endorsed by the Executive Board with the hope that branches and individuals may find it possible to contribute to the fund and so to international friendship. Contributions may be sent to Miss Evelyn Sears, 85 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, Mass.

The day of the meeting being that of the anniversary of Mrs. Davis' birth, it was voted to send a message to her two daughters in remembrance of our beloved Corresponding Secretary.

The resignation of Mrs. Charles H. Patterson of Amherst, Mass., was accepted with appreciation of her service and Mrs. Clarence A. Burt of Springfield was elected director to fill the vacancy.

The President was authorized to appoint a committee to plan for Alliance meetings at the Isles of Shoals, July 9 and 10, 1923. Mmes. Vaughan, Gallagher, and Clark were appointed.

Stirring reports were received from all the Pacific Coast directors, and from six Massachusetts groups.

A delightful luncheon hour was passed when all were guests of the Worcester Alliance. The afternoon session, which was open to all Alliance friends, was conducted by Miss Lowell. After the devotional service from Alliance "Services and Hymns," Rev. Maxwell Savage, with his words of welcome, begged Alliance women to try to bring about better congregational singing in our churches.

Mrs. H. D. Hall, Vice-President, spoke for the Worcester League. Reports of Alliance committees begun at the morning session were concluded. Miss Edith Bennett of Worcester spoke for the Young People's Campaign, explaining its aims. Mrs. Roger W. Cutler, Alliance director, read a very unusual paper on teaching religion in the home, showing what can be accomplished by the wise use of stories, poetry, pictures, hymns, Bible reading, prayer, teaching children to pray, not "say their prayers."

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the hostesses for their delightful hospitality.

Caroline S. Atherton, Secretary.

A SPECIAL WORD TO TREASURERS

You are reminded that the end of the financial year will soon be here. All membership dues and all sums to be counted in this year's report must be in the hands of the Treasurer before April 30. Do not hesitate to remind members who have not paid their dues for the year that unless they do so soon they cannot be counted in this year's membership and your branch will not be credited with its full quota.

In forwarding dues, please be sure to state the number of members in your branch, those who pay the local fee as well as those who pay the regular dollar. Both classes must be counted in making up the dues. Assuming that a branch has 60 members, 12 of whom pay only a local fee of 50 cents, while the remaining 48 pay the regular dollar fee, the dues are reckoned thus:

48 members at	$1.00	$48.00
12 members at	.50	6.00
60 members pay		$54.00

One-third of $54.00 equals $18.00, which is the amount due the general treasury. Life membership in The Alliance does not constitute membership in a branch, and for such as well as for honorary or Fellowship members one-third dues should be forwarded.

Please draw checks to "The Alliance of Unitarian Women" and send all remittances for membership dues and in response to Appeals to the Treasurer at 25 Beacon St., Boston. Please do not send separate checks for separate items, but include all in one check. Please do not include in your remittance sums designated for other than Alliance objects. Names and addresses of treasurers of allied societies may be found in the Manual, page 26 and pages 138-142.

It will be a pleasure to answer any questions regarding your work or to help in any way in co-ordinating your work and mine.

Louise Brown, Treasurer.

FRIENDLY LINKS

The Friendly Links Committee will hold its second conference in Channing Hall, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, on Friday, March 23, at 10.30 A. M. Everyone interested in Friendly Links is cordially invited to attend. We hope that branch chairmen will come, prepared to give brief reports of the progress of the work in their branches, with quotations from interesting letters. Written reports will be welcome from chairmen who cannot be present.

The Committee would greatly appreciate exact information from the branches concerning their links. When a report comes that "All of our links are working well except one," or "Three of the links are satisfactory and two are not," another letter has to be written to inquire just which links are referred to in each case. Perhaps the branches do not realize that the name of every individual who starts a link is put on a card which goes into our catalogue, therefore when a link is given up, two cards should be removed from our list. We ask your help in keeping this list correct and up-to-date. We suggest that each chairman should round up the links in her branch at least twice a year, perhaps at the beginning of the Alliance season, and again in the spring.

We have now about twelve hundred names in our catalogue.

Mary F. Gill, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE

The time is at hand when the Junior Alliance secretaries should send in their annual reports. The Fall River group has been the first one to do this. Don't let your group be the last!

The middle of the winter is reached. Consider carefully whether your Junior Alliance has accomplished all it should and could. If you decide that it has not, work hard to bring up your standard; if you decide that it has, work hard to improve even more!

Don't forget to plan on sending someone to the meetings at the Shoals July 14 to 28. If you haven't money enough in your treasury now, earn it soon.

Do you help your leader all you can? Do you make her feel that what time and strength she devotes to you is not wasted?

Let us have a Merry Springtime!

Helen Tufts, Chairman.

NOTES

The Alliance meetings of Anniversary Week will occur Wednesday, May 23, at 10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M., in Tremont Temple. Let each branch send a delegate with expenses paid from the treasury, and have a special meeting soon after her return to hear the delegate's report before her enthusiasm has waned.

The Isles of Shoals meetings will be as follows: the Unitarian Conference June 30 to July 14, Alliance days July 9 and 10; Y. P. R. U., July 14 to 28; Laymen's League and Institute of Religious Education July 28 to August 11. Make reservations early. Alliance branches cannot do a better thing than help make it possible

for some one of their young people to attend Young People's days. The Sale for the Isles of Shoals will this year take the form of a memory table. Articles should be sent prior to April 15 to Mrs. W. B. Nichols, 25 Fairmount Way, Quincy, Mass., in order that a preliminary Sale may be held in Boston Anniversary Week.

At the February meeting of the Monday Conference great enthusiasm was aroused in the aims and work of the Tuckerman School; the Dean, Miss Harriet E. Johnson, and Miss A. M. Filoon, a graduate, were the speakers. March 5, at 10.30 A. M., at 25 Beacon St., Boston, the subject of College Centers will be presented. Miss Evelyn Sears and Rev. Thomas H. Billings will be the speakers.

The Post Office Mission will hold its monthly conference Friday, March 16, at 11 A. M., at 25 Beacon Street, Boston. Rev. Frederic Gill of Arlington, Mass., will read from letters written to him by Miss Sallie Ellis of Cincinnati. All interested are invited to be present.

The Associate Alliance of Southern California met in Los Angeles, Jan. 11. A short business meeting was followed by a delightful luncheon served by the mothers and teachers of the Los Angeles Church School. The afternoon session was opened by devotional exercises led by Rev. O. J. Fairfield of Long Beach. Greetings were given by Mrs. Mersereau, Miss Spalding, and Dr. Rooney. Mr. Wetherell told of encouraging conditions on the coast. Rev. Cora Lambert spoke about Alliance work giving helpful suggestions. Rev. Bradford Leavitt of Pasadena gave a thoughtful address in which he pointed out some of the unpleasant features of our times.

At the January meeting of the New England Associate Alliance held in Boston, 82 branches responded to the roll call, from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, nearly 300 delegates. The collection for the Children's Mission amounted to $255. The program was carried out as previously announced in these columns, Dr. Soares giving a most helpful address.

The New York League of Unitarian Women held a meeting of unusual interest in the Church of the Saviour, Brooklyn, on Friday, February 2, 1923, at 11 A. M., with the president, Mrs. Alfred Robinson, presiding.

Continuing the general subject of the year, The Church Universal, the topic for the day was Fellowship Abroad, the speakers being natives of foreign countries and members of different religions. Mme. Sushila Devi of India, spoke for Hinduism; Mrs. W. H. Chiao of China, for Confucianism; Mr. P. O. Chough of Korea,

for Buddhism, and Mr. A. Beijan of Persia, for Mohammedanism. Each speaker gave a short account of the principles and aims of his religion, bringing out the need of and search for a Supreme Being.

The League endorsed the Senate Bill on Child Labor. Mrs. Herbert S. Griffin made an appeal for our Southern Schools.

FROM LONG BEACH

We have been generously aided in our church building by many kind friends, east and west. Money has come from unexpected quarters, and from many who have made sacrifices to lend a hand. We deeply appreciate the interest in us and the cause; and we intend to increase numbers and zeal and to make the Long Beach Church and its Alliance a factor in the growth of liberal Christianity.

A stimulating leaflet has been published by the British League of Unitarian Women, "The Purpose and Possibilities of our League," written by Mrs. Bradshaw. Branch presidents may substitute the word Alliance for League and find this something worth while to read to their members. The British League has presented copies to The Alliance, and these may be obtained from headquarters free of charge. The following quotation gives a hint of the leaflet: We have hardly begun as yet to grasp or to undertake the opportunities that the League makes possible for us. We are too content to let to-morrow's work be a replica of to-day's. We are each members of the League, and there is not one amongst us who would not become a valuable member; we can be valuable members, each after her own fashion, if we will. The opportunity rests with each one of us alike, to grasp or to let slip, as we ourselves shall determine. We cannot all undertake the same work, but it is possible for all to contribute some sort of service.

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$ 93.00
Meadville	66.00
Pacific School	84.00
Tuckerman School	36.00
Sunday School Worker	282.00
Eugene, Ore.	326.00
Work in Italy	369.00
Committee Work	749.00
Thomas H. Elliott Hall, Star Island	123.00
Committee on Recruiting the Ministry	88.00
Castine, Me.	383.00
Long Beach, Calif.	446.00
Vancouver, B. C.	157.00
Southern Work (Southern Circuit and Carolina School)	2,490.00

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Do you know that Roumania is oppressing the people in the new territory ceded to her by the Peace Treaty? Protestants, Roman Catholics, Jews — all alike, who are not Roumanians, are being oppressed and robbed, and unless Roumania establishes a just government there will be no permanent peace.

The Report of the Commission, sent last summer to Transylvania by the American Unitarian Association and the American Committee on the Rights of Religious Minorities, gives the facts — the life of the Transylvanian people is vividly told with amusing incident and narrative.

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